

CAN'T BUCK  
COLD WORLDUnfrosted Rector Sends Back  
to New York For Money

## TO SUPPORT SELF AND GIRL

But to All Appearances, J. K. Cooke and  
the Elopement Heir Are Living in  
Comfortable Circumstances in  
San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., March 14.—Jere Knobe Cooke, the deposed rector of the Episcopal church of Hempstead, L. I., who eloped with Floretta Whaley about a year ago, has been found living with the girl here in a cosy flat, to all appearances well to do. In an interview, the rector admitted that he had telegraphed for help to the girl's grandmother and that he had found he cannot buck the world. Lately Cooke is said to have been out of employment.

## ELOPERS IN A BAD WAY.

The Cookes Send Home from Frisco for  
Funds.

New York, March 14.—Jere K. Cooke, the deposed pastor of the Episcopal church at Hempstead, L. I., and Floretta Whaley, with whom he eloped, are ill and destitute in San Francisco, according to a telegram received last night by Mrs. Katharine Whaley, the girl's grandmother. The message was signed "Floretta," and asked that an answer be sent in care of the Western Union Telegraph company, San Francisco.

Mrs. Whaley said later that some \$6,000 belonging to Floretta was in trust at Hempstead, but that she would require more definite information regarding the couple's condition before she gave aid to her granddaughter. The fact that the telegram was prepaid influenced her opinion, she added, that the two were not in such financial straits as to justify hasty action on her part.

## FIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE.

But Burns Wanted It Postponed on Account  
of a Bad Eye.

London, March 14.—The fight between "Tummy" Burns, the American heavyweight fighter, and Billy Roche, the Irishman, will take place at Dublin, March 17, unless Burns' injured eye becomes such as to become a serious handicap. Burns wrote the Dublin promoters of the fight, asking them if they would consider a postponement on account of his injury. As yet they have made no reply, but in interviews they have declared themselves as against a change of date, saying that the house had been sold out and there would be difficulty in getting together at another time such a big crowd of spectators.

The fight, therefore, will take place as scheduled unless Burns' eye grows worse. The injury was at first considered slight, but it grew more serious and the eye was completely closed for twelve hours. It was decidedly better last night, and Burns says he is prepared to go into the ring with Roche, as otherwise he is in the best of condition.

The National Sporting club has received a letter from the manager of "Jack" Johnson, the American negro fighter, asking whether the club could arrange a fight between Johnson and Burns on the same terms as recently were offered by Mr. Kelley, and declaring that the National Sporting club is the only place in England where Johnson will fight.

The secretary of the club replied that the organization was unable to offer such liberal terms as had been given by Mr. Kelley, which included \$5,000 for Johnson, win, lose or draw. Burns now says he is willing to wait until he returns to the United States to meet Johnson, believing that some Western club, after his success in England, will offer a large purse for such a contest.

IS THE FLOWER OF  
THE U. S. NAVYBattleship New Hampshire Was Ordered  
Into Commission Today—Is 500  
Tons Heavier Than Evans'

Flagship.

Washington, March 14.—The battleship New Hampshire the first to be added to the navy since the departure of the Atlantic fleet was ordered placed in commission at the League Island navy yard today. The vessel is the flower of the navy, being a 16,500 ton ship, which is 500 tons heavier than the Connecticut, Rear Admiral Evans' flagship.

## BRIDE-TO-BE BALKS.

Sees Fiance, Then Wires For Ticket  
Home.

Winsted, Conn., March 14.—After coming to Sheffield, a Berkshire village, from Lisbon Falls, Me., to wed William Lawrence, aged 77, prosperous farmer and veteran, drawing a good pension, whose matrimonial advertisement in a newspaper she answered, Miss Eleanor R. Holt, aged 36, comely, and a theatrical singer, until lately in the Keweenaw circuit, balked at the sight of the home in which Lawrence dwells, and an ugly looking gun on the wall and fled in the night, leaving her baggage behind.

Returning afoot to Great Barrington, from which point Miss Holt had been driven from Sheffield, she telegraphed her grandparents in Somersworth, N. H., for money to take her to them, having expended all she possessed in her fare coming from Maine to Sheffield. Selectman H. S. Chapin of Great Barrington drove Lawrence and got her trunk. Miss Holt is in Great Barrington still, awaiting money from Somersworth.

FOUR MEN CONVICTED  
IN GRAFT CASESVerdicts Returned at Philadelphia Last  
Night in Celebrated Cases Growing  
Out of State Construction  
Work.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 14.—The jury in the first of the capital conspiracy cases to be tried gave a verdict of guilty as to every one of the four men who have been on trial for the last seven weeks, last night, after six hours' deliberation. The men found guilty are John H. Sanderson, contractor; William P. Snyder, former auditor-general; W. L. Mathews, former state treasurer; and James M. Shumaker, former superintendent of public buildings and grounds.

Only Sanderson and Snyder were in court when the verdict was given and neither would talk. None of the counsel for the defendants would say anything about the case. The state's attorneys, when questioned said that they were pleased at the result of the hard work.

The maximum penalties for each defendant in this case is two years imprisonment and \$1,000 fine.

The four men were convicted of defrauding the state in furnishing the new capital, which cost the state about \$3,000,000 instead of \$4,000,000, the figure at which the contract was estimated.

The present case constituted one of the longest jury trials in the history of Pennsylvania courts and it attracted much attention throughout the country. The prosecution of the alleged frauds was the outcome of the political upheaval in Pennsylvania in 1905 which resulted in the election of William H. Berry, a Democrat, as state treasurer in the fall of that year.

Berry threw open the books of the state treasury and showed that the cost of building the capital was more than three times the amount of the contract. The case was laid before the attorney general and indictments were found against fourteen persons.

When the case now pending against the four persons who were convicted yesterday are concluded the other defendants will be heard. The state claims that there are frauds amounting to nearly \$3,000,000 in the furnishings of the capital.

DENIAL OF INSANITY  
BY YOUNG THAWHe Makes Answer to His Wife's Petition  
For Divorce—The Case May  
Be Put on Trial Next Week.

New York, March 14.—Denying the charge of insanity and praying for dismissal of the suit, Harry K. Thaw, through his counsel, last night made answer to Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's suit for an annulment of their marriage. Thaw's answer was delivered to Daniel O'Reilly, counsel for Mrs. Thaw, who after receiving the papers, stated that the case would be put on the trial calendar in the supreme court next week.

An answer of Harry Thaw is brief and contains only the barest legal formalities. A Russell Peabody lawyer for Thaw, declared that the case would be thoroughly contested by his client.

## THE HITCHCOCK TRIAL.

Girl's Mother Had Expressed Doubt of  
Daughter's Charges.

New York, March 14.—Mrs. Mary Von Hagen, mother of Ellen, the chief complaining witness against Raymond Hitchcock, was called to the stand during the actor's trial yesterday and she admitted that she had expressed doubt of the truth of her daughter's charges.

Counsel for Hitchcock was able to place on record a letter in which the witness sought the aid of the defendant to obtain the release of Ellen from the custody of the city society, where, Mrs. Von Hagen wrote, the girl was being held as a witness against him.

The letter continued:

"I have no wrong impression of the visit of you and Ellen to Great Neck. We have both lived there and we know it is all right."

Following the reading of that letter, the defense asked Mrs. Von Hagen:

"Do you know Mrs. Hitchcock?"

"Yes," replied the witness. "I have spoken to her. I spoke to her yesterday afternoon when in the corridor of the building."

"Did you tell Mrs. Hitchcock that you did not believe Mr. Hitchcock had mistreated your daughter, Ellen?"

"I didn't say that."

"Did you say that in substance?"

"Well, I said something like that."

Elsie Voeds, who said that she would be 14 years old next July, was a witness yesterday. When called by the prosecution she corroborated the story of her visits to the actor's home at Great Neck, Long Island, as told Thursday by Ellen Von Hagen. Ellen, when cross-examined by the defense, reaffirmed the substance of her direct testimony.

## BROKE LEG, HURT KNEE.

Man Jumping Freight in Lebanon, Meets  
With Serious Injuries.

Lebanon, N. H., March 14.—A man giving his name as Beckman, about 25 years of age, attempted to jump a freight near Baker's crossing yesterday afternoon. He lost his footing and fell, breaking one leg twice and badly injuring his knee.

He was picked up by the train crew and carried to West Lebanon, where he was attended by Drs. Woodman and Cobb, and later taken to the Mary Hitchcock hospital at Hanover.

## WELL SENTENCED.

Two Thugs Got Fifteen Years in the  
State Prison.

Cambridge, Mass., March 14.—Peter Buss and Carl Norrl, who were involved in the shooting affair at Woburn, H., for money to take her to them, having expended all she possessed in her fare coming from Maine to Sheffield. Selectman H. S. Chapin of Great Barrington drove Lawrence and got her trunk. Miss Holt is in Great Barrington still, awaiting money from Somersworth.

WILL NOT CALL  
EXTRA SESSIONGovernor Proctor Made Official  
Statement To-day

## THUS ENDING DISCUSSION

Announces That He Shall Not Call Session  
Proposed by Some to Elect  
Successor to Senator Redfield  
Proctor.

Proctor, March 14.—There will be no special session of the Vermont legislature to elect a successor to the late Senator Redfield Proctor. This was announced this afternoon by Governor Proctor in an official statement. Thus the move, which would have caused a great expense to the state, is nipped at the start.

Governor Proctor's statement is as follows:

"In view of the public interest manifested in that question, the governor has thought it best to announce through the press that he will not call an extra session of the legislature to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate."

COULDN'T SLEEP,  
SO SHOT HIMSELFWealthy Business Man in Boston Ended  
His Life This Morning—Melancholia,  
the Doctor Says.

Boston, March 14.—Westwood T. Windram, junior member of the firm of W. J. Windram and Son, shoe and leather dealers, and who was considered to be a millionaire, committed suicide early today in his suite at the fashionable Charlesgate hotel on Beacon street.

He rose about midnight, saying that he could not sleep.

This morning his wife found his body with a gaping wound in the head and with a revolver clutched in one hand. The family physician attributes the act to melancholia.

## ENDS TROUBLES IN DEATH.

Fugate White of Providence Commits  
Suicide.

Providence, R. I., March 14.—Eugene White killed himself yesterday with gas at the house of Julius Waugh on Plain street. He left this letter telling why he ended his life with suicide.

"Dear Friends—Please forgive me for the act I have taken. I put up with the suffering just as long as I could and find I am getting weaker every day. No one but the Lord and me knows what I have suffered the last three months. Nothing to build on, nothing but a skeleton. I hope the Lord will forgive me. Love to you both. If this works all right, farewell. I have had good care."

White was born in New York state and in his early life was a farmer. He acquired a fair competence, but it was depleted by long sickness. He was 73 years old.

LUSITANIA MAKES  
NEW OCEAN RECORDIt Was for a Day's Run, But the Giant  
Vessel Was Quite a Bit Back of  
Her Trip Record.

New York, March 14.—The Cunard line steamer Lusitania reached port yesterday with a new record for a day's run, but almost ten hours behind her record for the western passage. Her time from Daunt's Rock to Sandy Hook was five days, four hours and thirty-nine minutes. This was her first trip over the long course which the transatlantic liners take at this season, and the distance covered 2,889 miles, whereas the course upon which her record was made is 2,781 miles long. Her average speed per hour for the voyage just finished was 23.17 knots, as compared with her highest previous average of 23.25 knots. For two days, however, the Lusitania exceeded her previous record of noon Tuesday, she logged 627 miles and for the day ended at noon yesterday, 627 miles.

BRAZILIAN CITY  
HARD HIT BY FIRELoss Through Yesterday's Conflagration  
Is Reported to Have Been a  
Million Dollars.

Bahia, Brazil, March 14.—A great conflagration raged in the business section of this city and the firemen had hard work yesterday to check it. A great many buildings had been destroyed with a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. There have been several fatalities.

## DIED SUDDENLY.

Rear Admiral Theodore F. Keene in a  
New York Hotel.

New York, March 14.—Rear Admiral Theodore F. Keene, U. S. navy, retired, died suddenly in the Park Avenue hotel today.

PROMISED A PLAN  
FOR ELECTION AIDInteresting Development of Affairs in  
Boston at Finance Commission Hearing  
Last Night.

Boston, March 14.—The finance commission brought out some interesting testimony last night in its hearing of stone-crushing contracts under the administration of former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald.

Former Senator Thomas F. Curley testified that in recognition of the importance of ward 17 in the nomination and election of Mayor Fitzgerald, Mr. Fitzgerald promised him the best thing in the gift of the administration upon election.

After election, the former senator declared, he asked for the appointment as water commissioner. Mr. Curley testified that the mayor refused him the position, but in its place he accepted a contract for stone crushing, granted in the name of his friend, Dennis J. O'Connell.

Mr. Curley testified that Mr. O'Connell furnished the capital and plant and he the contract. He declared there was a profit of 50 per cent, that an equal division of profits was made, and as a result in five months the total was about \$14,000.

A second contract was negotiated by John J. Curley, and this netted less than, or about \$900.

## MADE HEROIC EFFORTS.

Young Man's Attempt to Save Youth  
Was in Vain.

Mansfield, Mass., March 14.—Clayton Miller, the 12-year-old son of Ellsworth Miller of Union street, was drowned in Fulton pond late yesterday afternoon.

Samuel Eaton, about 20 years old, made a heroic effort to save the boy and was completely exhausted when he arrived.

The Miller boy and two companions named Lescumb and Clyde Wellman, left about 4 o'clock. Mr. Miller was at work painting on Rumford avenue, and his son, accompanied by the others, started for that place. They were passing Fulton pond Clayton "stumped" his chums to cross on the ice. The other boys were afraid, but Clayton ran out for some distance. While crossing the center of the channel, where the water is about 15 feet deep, the ice gave way and young Miller sank from sight.

Wellman boy hurried to the blacksmith shop of G. W. Fosdyth and told of the accident. Samuel Eaton, who happened to be in the shop, rushed onto the ice, but it would not bear his weight, and he was soon struggling in the water. With considerable difficulty he reached shore and then by a different course he again started on the ice. He was again precipitated into the water, but he continued on, breaking his way out through the ice until he reached the spot where the Miller boy went down. Diving to the bottom he found the body. He lifted it to the surface and for a time held the head of the lifeless boy above water.

The Forsyth brothers, who followed Eaton from the blacksmith shop, had nearly succeeded in making their way to him in a boat when the young fellow from sheer exhaustion could no longer sustain the burden and the Miller boy sank.

## MOVE DIVINITY SCHOOL.

Andover Seminary Will Affiliate With  
Harvard Divinity School.

Cambridge, Mass., March 14.—The Andover Theological seminary, one of the oldest theological schools in the country, will be removed from Andover, Mass., to Cambridge next fall and become affiliated with the Harvard Divinity school.

The proposals for the removal were made by the trustees of Andover Theological seminary to the president and fellows of Harvard university last month. The proposition was accepted by the president and fellows on March 11 and further accepted by the Harvard board of overseers yesterday.

## THREE TOWNS SUPPLIED.

With License Commissioners by Chittenden  
County Side Judge.

Burlington, March 14.—Assistant Judges John H. Lyon and William M. Harber yesterday announced the appointment of license commissioners to serve in Colechester, Richmond and Shelburne. The appointments are as follows:

Colechester, Charles H. Stevens, Charles H. Shipman, H. F. Wolcott; Richmond, F. W. Fay, J. E. Town, Lucius Ellis; Shelburne, T. B. Webster, C. L. Page, George Palmer.

Announcement has not yet been made of the commissioners for Burlington.

## KILLED FIGHTING FIRE.

S. K. Hinckley, Aged Maine Farmer,  
Was Trying to Save His Property.

Ellsworth, Me., March 14.—While fighting fire by means of buckets of water which later destroyed his farm buildings, S. K. Hinckley, an aged and prosperous farmer at Elm Hill, fell from a scaffolding on his barn yesterday afternoon and was killed. He had been splitting large logs with powder and sparks started the fire in the barn. He was over 80 years old and very active. A widow, besides a sister, who is an invalid, and who was removed from the house with some difficulty, survive him. The property loss was \$1,500.

## Broke a World's Record.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 14.—At the indoor track meet of Company C. Third regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, here last night, F. C. Smithson of Portland, Ore., representing the Twenty-second regiment of New York, broke the world's record in the fifty-yard hurdle for three hurdles, winning from scratch in 6 2/3 seconds.

## FIRE IN MONTANA.

Butte, Mont., March 14.—Menger's  
advice received last night from Big Tim  
state that the losses resulting from  
the destructive fire there yesterday  
would probably exceed \$100,000. A  
high wind seriously hampered the work  
of the fire fighters and at times the  
flames had free rein.COMMITTEES TO  
TALK IT OVERTo Meet For First Time Since  
Tie-up Tonight

## QUARRY COMMITTEES MEET

Owners Offer Quarrymen the Old Bill  
With Weekly Pay—Engineers and  
Bosses Meet To-night to  
Discuss Demands.

The committees from the Manufacturers' Association and from the Granite Cutters' Union will have a joint meeting at 7 o'clock to-night for a conference on the present situation in the granite business. This will be the first meeting of the two committees since the tie-up began two weeks ago, and it is expected they will go over the situation to see if each understands the other's position, and if there are any misunderstandings to try and straighten them out. It is hoped efforts will be made toward securing a settlement.

The committee from the union has been reduced from seven to five since the last meeting of the two and has two new members. It is now made up as follows: Richard Grigg, chairman, Alex. Ironside, James Cruikshank, James McAdam and Angel Turba. The committee from the Manufacturers' Association includes H. J. M. Jones, chairman, John McDonald, D. F. Ryle, James Marston and Joseph Braut.

The committees from the Manufacturers' Association and the Steam Engineers' Union will also meet in joint session this evening to consider the demands of the latter.

The committees from the Quarry Owners' Association and Quarry Workers' Union met last evening at the call of the former and the owners offered the Quarry men an old bill in force before March 1st, with weekly pay on all quarries. This was 25 cents average an hour and does not include the restrictions as to overtime that were included in the last proposition presented to the men and which was rejected. A special meeting of the Quarry Workers' Union has been called for 10 o'clock Monday morning, at which it is expected the proposition will be considered.

## SPECIAL QUARRY WORKERS' MEETING.

There will be a special meeting of Branch No. 12, Quarry Workers' International Union of North America, in the basement of St. Sylvester's church, Graniteville, Monday, March 16, at 10 o'clock a. m. All members are requested to be present. Business of importance to come before the meeting.

## Jesse Miller, Cor. Sec.

## KILLED BY AUTO.

Daniel Holland Struck on Streets at  
Fall River, Mass.

Fall River, Mass., March 14.—Daniel Holland, 76 years of age, was struck and instantly killed by an automobile driven by Dr. Thomas L. Gettings, at Pleasant and Seventh streets yesterday noon. The elderly man was crossing the former thoroughfare when the fatality occurred, and was carrying his daughter's dinner to a nearby mill. He stepped into the path of the automobile after dodging an electric car. The automobile was going but six miles an hour at the time. Twelve grown-up children survive.

## WILL WRESTLE GOTCH.

New York, March 14.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian "Lion," arrived here from Europe yesterday on the steamer Lusitania. He comes here to prepare for the championship wrestling contest with Frank Gotch in Chicago on April 3.

## Lightning Struck a Car.

Binghamton, N. Y., March 14.—During a severe thunder storm that passed over this section last evening, lightning struck a cross town car in Endicott, rendering Motorist Edward Tibbitts unconscious and badly shocking a woman, the only passenger.

## The Billboard Nuisance.

While civic organizations throughout the country are fighting the billboard tooth and nail, the question is in a fair way to answer itself, through the discovery of advertisers that the billboard is a costly and inefficient method of reaching the public.

Several large advertising concerns have, according to an exchange, discovered after careful and costly tests, that the billboard advertising isn't to be compared with newspaper space of equal cost as a means of reaching the buying public.

After an experiment in billboard advertising which continued five or six years, the American Tobacco company has returned to newspaper advertising. This company, which devoted most of its billboard space to advertising certain smoking tobaccos, spent \$125,000 a year upon the billboards, which amount will be spent hereafter in newspapers and magazines. No company knows better the worth of advertising, and no company is doing it more judiciously.

A few more experiences of this sort  
ought to settle the vexed problem of  
the billboard.—Burlington News.

## Silly Man.

Mrs. Bank-Man act so silly when  
they are making love. When my husband proposed to me he made a perfect fool of himself.

Her Dear Friend—Yes, that's what everybody said at the time.—Cleveland Leader.

## SPAULDING TEAM AT BANQUET.

Fast Basket Ball Quintette Were Guests  
of Arthur Averill.

The close of the Spaulding high school team's successful season was celebrated last evening with a dinner given by Arthur Averill at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Averill, of North street. All the members of the team were present and all spent an extremely enjoyable evening. Dinner was served at six o'clock and at the conclusion of the repast the company adjourned to the billiard room and the remainder of the evening was devoted to games.

Spaulding's basket ball season was closed Thursday, March 5, when the Spaulding team defeated the People's academy team of Morrisville in one of the fastest games ever seen in the city. The Spaulding team played 16 teams during the season and won eight, lost seven and played one tie.

While no arrangements have been made as yet for next season's team it is expected that it will consist of several new players, as Riley, Halvosa and McAuley will graduate in June. The members of the old team are expected to be in school are Malden, A. Averill, H. Averill and Grigg, and it is expected that players will be taken from the second team to make up the team for next season.

The election of officers for the team for next season will be held in a few days and the work of organization will begin.

## GRANITE SUIT ARGUED.

Long-standing Litigation Between Old  
Producers' Co. and Harrison Co.

A long-standing litigation between H. K. Bush, as receiver for the old Producers' Granite company, vs. the Harrington Granite company, involving \$2,800, was argued before Washington county court yesterday afternoon. The Producers' company many years ago presented a claim against J. E. Harrison & Son (later Harrison Granite company), and the matter was thrashed out before a master, F. P. Carleton. It is on the master's report of findings that the case was argued yesterday afternoon. John W. Gordon for the defendant and Richard A. Hoar for the plaintiff. Decision will be announced later.

By permission of the court, the suit of H. Z. Mills vs. the City of Barre, which was swept off the court docket because of failure of appearance on the part of the plaintiff, was replaced on the docket, the plaintiff having engaged S. Hollister Jackson as attorney to represent him.

FIND THEMSELVES  
IN JAIL TOGETHERU. G. Austin, Who Sued Frank Carleton  
for Alienation of Affections, Now  
Joins the Latter Committed on  
Breach of Peace Charge.

Further complications have arisen in the very much complicated affairs of U. G. Austin and Frank Carleton of Warren, the former of whom recently sued the latter for alienation of his wife's affections. The newest complication is the arrest of Austin on the charge of breach of the peace, alleged to have been committed last January on Carleton. Soon after Carleton was sued in the amount of \$5,000 for alleged act of stealing Mrs. Austin's affections, he was placed in the county jail in default of \$5,500 bail.

Now Austin joins him in the county hoose, as he has thus far been unable to raise the bail bond required for his appearance to answer to the charge.

## BARELY BEAT BURLINGTON.

Poultney Academy, the Team That Was  
Claiming Championship.

Poultney, March 14.—In one of the closest and most exciting contests of the season here, Troy Conference academy last night defeated Burlington high school after the score had been tied at the end of the second period, when the score was 27 to 27. The final score was 29 to 27. The summary:

T. C. A. . . . . Burlington H. S.  
Stoddard, r. f. . . . . 1 b. Baker  
Wayne, l. f. . . . . 1 b. Field  
McMinnick, c. . . . . 1 b. Pike  
Platt, r. b. . . . . 1 f. Sawyer  
Jones, l. b. . . . . 1 f. Knappier

Score, B. H. S. 27, T. C. A. 29; goals from the floor, McMinnick 4, Stoddard 3, Sawyer 3, Pike, Knappier 4, Wayne, Jones, Baker, Platt, Field 3; points on fouls, T. C. A. 1, B. H. S. 3; referee, Rockwell; umpire, Jones; timer, Orton; attendance, 290.

## THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Pleasant Celebration by H. L. T. at the  
Home of Cora Batchelder.

A pleasant gathering was held last night at the home of Miss Cora Batchelder, when the H. L. T. met with each a guest, to help celebrate their first anniversary. The following program was enjoyed by all: piano solo by Miss Helen Bruce; greeting by Miss Gladys Pittkin; piano solo by Miss Gladys Sutor; farce, "How She Cured Her," by Misses Nina Bates, Cora Batchelder and Ruth Hood; piano solo, Mrs. Bruce; reading, Miss Lucy Dix; piano duet, by Misses Bruce and Gertrude Geake. Refreshments of marshmallow cream and wafers were served. Games and dancing were enjoyed to a late hour.

## UNANIMOUS FOR HIS RETURN.

Official Board of Redding Methodist  
Church Was Dr. Thayer Back.

At the fourth quarterly conference meeting of the Redding M. E. church last evening, held at the parsonage on French street, a unanimous request was made by the official board of the church to have the pastor, the Rev. Dr. E. O. Thayer, continue his work here another year. The presiding elder, Rev. F. W. Lewis of St. Johnsbury, presided at the meeting. Supper was served to the board, after which the meeting was held. Outside of the call to the pastor only routine business was transacted.

CARRIED ROLL  
IN HIS SOCKWhile He Slept, Some-one  
Robbed the Sock

## STORY OF EDWARD HAND

Will Take His Medicine and Refused to  
Make Accusation Against Anyone  
in the River Street  
House.

Up from Barre's "Tenderloin" comes a tale of misplaced confidence. The teller of it says he's Edward Hand of Barre Town and that he was the victim of a \$140 "touch," the remains of a roll of \$300 which he had two weeks since. He was well dressed and looked as if he might have been the possessor of as much money as that, even in these days of no labor. A later version of the "touch" reduces the ad damnum to \$40. In time, it may reach the vanishing point.

Hand's story was that he took a few drinks yesterday and becoming sleepy laid down for repose in a house on River street (house marked X in the police exhibit). His slumber was deep, also restful. But the awakening was fitful. He felt for his "roll," but it was not there. The money was carried in a bill case, and the bill case was carried in his sock leg, for which there was no combination lock. Hence